

# There May Be Some Animal in Willard's Circus That Can Give Him An Argument

## Sport or Thereabouts

By HEYWOOD BROWN.

THE poor little rich man may pay \$25 for a ringside seat, but he cannot purchase with it the fervor of the true fight fan. Thousands of men watched Willard and Moran battle at the Garden without once expressing a preference as to whether the current blow should go to the bread basket or the mush.

It was a strange crowd which saw the fight. Most of the familiar cosmopolites were on hand. In addition to Rich Man, there were Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant and Chief at the ringside. Poor Man and Beggar Man, who run with that crowd when they can, were deleted at the gate. Thief did gain entrance, but he was disguised as a fight manager.

Strangely enough, of all the motley throng who paid \$25 each for seats hardly one felt privileged to advise the fighters. For the most part, the Garden was so quiet that the shouts of the seconds could be heard, and even the low-voiced orders of the referee.

The fighters, poor things, were left to think almost for themselves. There were no shrill pleas to "use the right" or to "stick out your left." For one evening at least fighting was left to the fighters. Possibly the audience felt no responsibility for the result since the men in the ring were being paid so highly.

And yet there was no lack of experts outside the ring. Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Kid McCoy and John L. Sullivan were all on hand as reporters. What a pity that those giant fists, which once impelled whole rows of knuckles in mighty blows, should be brought so low as to beat a two-fingered tune upon a typewriter.

Of course, the typewriter is used more or less metaphorically—much more than less, as a matter of fact. Jim Corbett seemed a little eager to know what he was going to say without waiting for the paper to come out. He looked at each sheet of copy before it left his assistant's hands. In fact, he went so far as to suggest a lead. "All roads led to Madison Square Garden last night" was Jim's choice; but when it was turned down he grew sulky and let his story go on without further interruptions. Fitz and Sullivan gave very little trouble to the men who were writing their copy.

Women don't care much about fighting, after all. Not more than three hundred came to the Garden, and they manifested little interest in the proceedings. Our own woman expert complained that there was not enough blood, although it was as red a fight as has been seen here in a big bout for a good many months.

Without doubt, prize fighting is not brutal enough to make an appeal to women. The average woman does not know enough about boxing and has not enough of the artistic instinct to appreciate a deft jab. She is thrilled only by mighty swings.

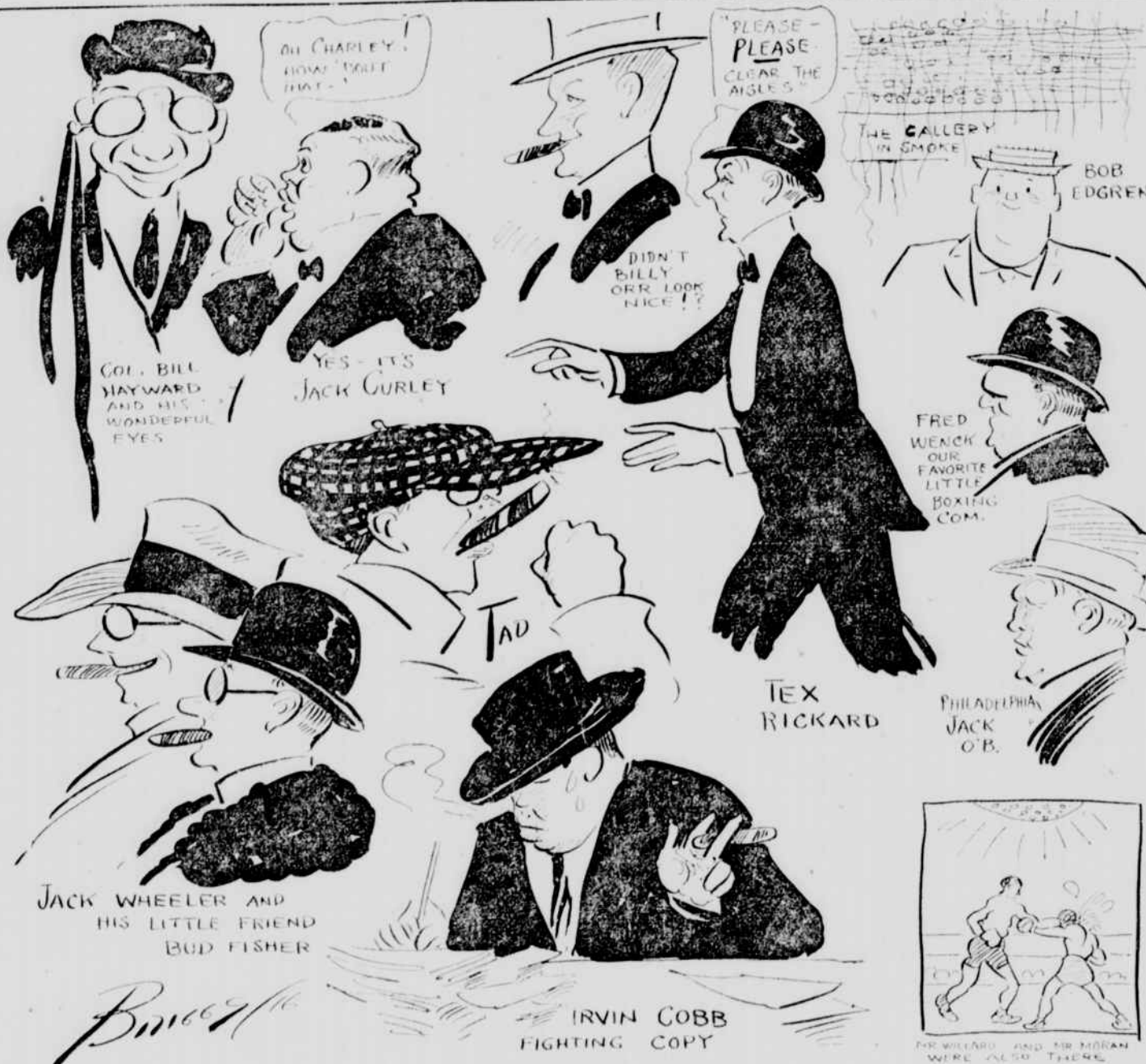
It was the women, you remember, who always put their thumbs down in those glorious Roman days. We do not speak from first-hand knowledge, to be sure—but they are always shown with their thumbs down in the pictures, and we believe the artists know what they are talking about.

Possibly, however, women stayed away because they believe that a fighter's place is in the home.

The bout between Welsh and Leonard, for next Friday night, promises an exciting encounter—but those who go to the Garden in the hope of seeing the champion knocked out are almost sure to be disappointed. Welsh, we believe, will keep in close to Leonard, and we would not be a bit surprised to see him win from the clever youngster.

Answer to query. I. L. L.—Sometimes.

## Celebrities as Briggs Caught Them at Big Fight



## HOCKEY STARS HERE IN APRIL

World Champions to Play Runners-Up Before New York Crowds.

Les Canadiens and Portland, the hockey teams which are now playing for the championship of the world in Canada, will come to New York to play two games on April 4 and 5, it was announced yesterday. Cornelius Fellowes, of the St. Nicholas Rink, where the games will be played, had determined not to bring the professionals to New York this season because of their unsatisfactory work in the last few years. He finally decided to bring the two best teams, however, with the understanding that he can impose a fine of \$50 on any player whose play or physical condition is not satisfactory.

By this method, Fellowes declared yesterday, New York hockey followers who delight to see the great work of the professionals on the ice will be assured of two real hockey games. The rink manager said he would not hesitate to inflict fines if the playing was not up to the standard of which the teams are capable, and in this way hopes to avoid complaints that the players are not doing their best.

Les Canadiens have played here in the past, and they have put some great exhibitions of hockey. This season they won the title in the Eastern division of Canada. The Portland (Ore.) team, a United States combination, won in the Western section. The teams are consequently the best in the world on form, and are playing for the famous Stanley Cup.

It is a new thing for the United States to have a team playing for the world's hockey championship, and New Yorkers will probably be much interested in the showing the Coast players make against the best combination in the Dominion.

The line-up follows:  
Les Canadiens (11): Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12).  
Portland (11): Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12).

The West Side Rangers defeated the White Rose eleven at Chelsea Park yesterday afternoon by a score of 4 to 1. Play was even during the first ten minutes, until H. Brett, with a long shot, scored the first point for the Rangers.

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West Side Rangers (11): Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12).  
White Rose (11): Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12), Pugh, White (12).

Whether "fair, fat and forty" or "slim, young and haughty," our clothes fit.  
Isn't it worth a few minutes to prove you're no longer a slave to the tailor?  
Just to try on your size!  
You have our word for it, we'll not urge you to buy.

## NEW COURSE RECORD IN VILLAGERS' RUN

A new course record of 17:50—twenty seconds faster than the previous mark—was set by Charles De Stefano, of the Oganam Association, in taking the weekly race of the Villagers' Athletic Club. Arthur Restang and Sam Silverstein, who finished second and third, respectively, had to trail home the speedy Italian boy. Greenwich Village was agog over the race and several hundred spectators were about the line.

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2. A. Restang, Brooklyn A. C. 18:10  
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White Will Box Wells.  
Charles White, of Chicago, and Matt Wells, of England, were matched yesterday for a Green-round bout to a decision with Edward Smith, of Chicago, as referee, at Kansas City, on April 6.

## Jess Through with Ring, Says Friend of Willard

Dave Lewinsohn, Secret Stakeholder, Thinks Champion Will Forfeit Title.

By W. O. MCGEEHAN.

Jess Willard, still champion heavyweight of the world, left for Chicago yesterday afternoon, with his right hand in splints—but able to keep a firm clutch on the \$32,000 which remained out of \$40,000 paid to him before he entered the ring with Frank Moran after Managers Tom Jones and Jack Curley had "got theirs."

Tex Rickard nursed a few regrets over the \$20,000 extra that might have been taken in at the door had those in quest of standing room been permitted to pass through the police lines. But, on the whole, Tex is decidedly cheerful.

The 13,000 persons who saw the bout on Saturday night are probably nursing somewhat mixed emotions.

The chances are that Willard will never enter a boxing ring again. Dave Lewinsohn, Rickard's Chicago agent, is authority for the statement that the champion was even reluctant to sign for this fight. Only the lure of the \$47,000 brought him into the ring with Moran.

He declared that he did not like fighting and that he expected to quit the game as soon as he could.

By the way, this same Dave Lewinsohn was one of the most intrepid men at the Garden on Saturday night. He came into the place with \$60,000 in large bills tucked into the sock on his right foot. And the place was full of Wall Street brokers and traction magnates.

"Where is the kale?" Willard demanded \$40,000 the moment he entered the building. The first words uttered by the champion were: "Where is the kale? I won't go into the ring until I get the kale."

Whereupon Mr. Lewinsohn gracefully elevated his right foot and extracted from the silken hose five \$10,000 bills and two \$5,000 bills. Mr. Lewinsohn was the secret stakeholder. Everybody knew this, but a sound of deputy sheriffs and process servers.

Moran refused to take his money until after the fight. He was able to sign a receipt for \$20,000 in a steady hand. There was no splint on his finger to make the pen juggle.

The pure spring air of yesterday was

## Fight Log.

TO-NIGHT.  
Broadway S. C.—Charles Pappas vs. Joller McKee (afternoon); Bushy Graham vs. Benny McGowan.

TUESDAY.  
Broadway S. C.—Jack Dillon vs. Battling Levinsky.

WEDNESDAY.  
Pioneer S. C.—New At McCoy vs. Gus Christie, Christie.

THURSDAY.  
Stadium A. C.—Pony from A. Gunbeat Smith.

FRIDAY.  
Madison Square Garden—Freddie Welsh vs. Benny Leonard.

cluttered up with rumors of a return match between Willard and Moran. The red Irishman is still convinced that he can knock out the Kansas month. He is earnestly desirous of a return match. Tom Jones, the industrial Barber of Kewanee, said that there would be a return match if Moran wanted it.

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Moran was bruised but chipper. He is a fighter temperamentally and by trade.

"In about six weeks' time I will resume fighting," said Moran. "I will contend for the championship, just to show that I am the only real candidate. Let all of the Dillons and Fultons step to the front and centre. I will dispose of the whole lot to show that I am their master. And then I must have a crack at Willard over the long distance. Twenty rounds would be enough."

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Moran will remain in New York for a few days to consider a number of proffered theatrical contracts. But he probably will continue fighting. The stage, while mildly profitable financially, does not bring the financial returns of the ring. Also, Frank prefers the ring.

Tom Jones will also remain with a few days. The Barber of Kewanee is mourning the loss of \$1,000. He lost that much to Ike Dorgan, the wealthy manager of Moran, when he bet that Willard would win before the tenth.

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season with the circus he probably will have over \$100,000—a fortune. Then he will bid farewell to Curley and Jones, and there will be no more heavyweight syndicate. Of course, the noise of a \$100,000 purse rustling in the breeze may overcome his pacific resolutions, as it did those of Jeffries; but there will be no big purses hanging on the low branches for some time to come.

Tex Rickard is resting on his laurels and nearly a quarter-million dollars which he cleared on three fights.

"I will do no more promoting until there is something to promote," announced Rickard yesterday. "It may be several years before there is another match that will create that amount of interest. I sprained my right hand indorsing checks, but the injury has not caused me any great inconvenience."

Willard left New York hurriedly, because another little Willard is expected at the Chicago home at any moment. He had little to say about the fight excepting that he felt that he had defended the title successfully. His right hand will be out of commission for six weeks, according to the surgeon who treated it.

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## John L. Suffered Mental Anguish

John L. Sullivan watched the Willard-Moran fight with a great mental anguish and a touch of nausea. The present-day champion was not putting up a battle to the liking of the noblest Roman. The more Sullivan watched the deeper his grief. Suddenly Tom Jones rushed around the ring, shouting, "Willard broke his hand!" Sullivan uttered a groan of epic disgust. "He sprained his foot getting away, ye mean?" And the noblest Roman wrapped the drapery of his fur-lined coat around him, jammed down the pearl gray hat and toddled away.

## ANDY CRAW CAPTURES L. I. A. L. ROAD RACE

Presentation Club Runner Sets Sizzling Pace.

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